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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Wu et al. Confirmation No: 3823

Serial No.: 10/576,491 Group Art Unit: 1652

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For: Protease with Improved Stability in Detergents

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

- 1. Applicants enclose an Amendment Filed with Request for Continued Examination.
- 2. Applicants request that the time for response to the Office Action dated September 18, 2009 be extended for a period of three (3) months from December 18, 2009 up to and including March 18, 2010.
- 3. All required fees were charged to Novozymes North America, Inc.'s Deposit Account No. 50-1701 at the time of electronic filing. The USPTO is authorized to charge this Deposit Account should any additional fees be due.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 17, 2010 /Kristin McNamara, Reg. # 47692/

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